

REMARKS

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This Office Action indicated that Claims 1, 2, 4-17 and 24 are allowable and that by canceling non-elected claims 19-23, this application will be in condition for allowance.

Applicants now request that non-elected Claims 19-23 be cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in subsequent applications.



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CONCLUSIONS

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in allowable condition. Indication to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any matters remain to be resolved, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at 650-856-3700.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant(s) petition(s) for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 50-2859** referencing docket no. 554912000100.

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Respectfully submitted,

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